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Appointment of foreign nationals as temple trustees in South Arcot district.

* 570 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the number of foreign nationals appointed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board as trustees of temples in South Arcot district now?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Three foreign nationals have been appointed as trustees of temples in South Arcot district by the Area Committee. "

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, three foreign nationals have been appointed as trustees for the temples in South Arcot district. When the properties of these temples are entrusted to their management, if they commit offences like embezzlement, defalcation or misappropriation, is there any provision in our Constitution to punish them even though some of the properties belonging to these temples lie in the Pondicherry area? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" An appeal could be made to the Government who would go into the question."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, may I know the reasons or the necessity for the appointment of these foreign nationals in spite of the repeated representations made by the Area Committee? Will the Government consider the question of dismissing them and appointing persons from the Indian Union? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government have recently received a representation from the public and that is being looked into."

Construction of the hospital building at Sendurai, Udaiyarpalayam taluk.

* 571 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the hospital building at Sendurai, Udaiyarpalayam taluk;

(*b*) the kind and cost of tiles as proposed in the estimate; and

(*c*) the kind and cost of tiles actually used for its construction?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Rs. 27,204-10-0.

" (*b*) Mangalore tiles of Basel Mission type, Rs. 19 per hundred.

" (*c*) Mangalore tiles of the Little Flower Company, Malabar, Rs. 15 per hundred."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, may I know the reason for the deviation from the original estimate? Is it the fault of the contractor or that of the officers concerned? "